

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Our office will be open tomorrow and Monday morning to receive dues as of Saturday, Christmas day. We take this occasion to extend the greetings of the season to each and every one of our "MUTUAL" family. We are larger this Christmas than last, and next year we expect to be yet a larger family. On January the first, New Year's day, we open our fourteenth series. Start the New Year right, join the MUTUAL and save your money during this period of prosperity. Everybody ought to be happy at this time since "good times" are looking us right in the eye.

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\$100,000 FOR HOSPITAL

Asheville, Dec. 23.—That Santa Claus will place \$100,000 in the "stocking" of the Biltmore hospital is the pleasing information reaching that hospital, information from New York being to the effect that the late Edward R. Bacon has made provision in his will for the giving of this amount to the hospital.

The Clarence Barker Memorial Hospital was founded by Mrs. Adele Barker Schmidt and Mrs. Virginia Barker Bacon, the latter a sister-in-law of the late Mr. Bacon, and his

interest in the hospital arose from his brother's wife's connection with the hospital, more familiarly known as the Biltmore Hospital. The hospital was a pet charity of the late George W. Vanderbilt, and Mrs. Vanderbilt takes an active interest in the institution.

AT MILLER'S CHURCH

Christmas services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Miller's church of which Rev. J. E. Barb is pastor.

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

HISTORIC OLD VENICE DESERTED BY WEALTHY

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dredges are now at work cleaning out the side canals. This is a mammoth work, done every 200 years in the Grand canal, and every 20 years in the side canals. The present absence of traffic has given opportunity for this scouring. Great masses of black mud are brought up and carried out to sea. All the sewage is carried into the Adriatic sweep out the sewers and keep the city in a reasonably healthy condition.

In the market section of the city the Grand canal shows its usual activity, with the fish and vegetable stalls, and the boats and boats crowded with customers. Venice has recently finished a veritable palace for its fish market, and the military escort told how this had come about.

"The Queen came here about five years ago," he said. "She was shown the beauties of the Grand Canal, and she was so much impressed by the old fish market. She declared that it was a blot and a scandal. And yet, the queen has never since come here to see this building erected to meet her taste, and Venice is beginning to look a little better."

The Realto bridge is the very heart of the busy merchant quarter. This famous bridge is the only one known to have been made stronger by increasing its weight. It began to crack at the outset, and the architect said add more weight.

Bridges Stand Secure
Bazaars and stores were therefore added all along the bridge, greatly increasing its weight, and this so steadied it that it stands secure. One of the heaviest bridges in this vicinity, and the people crowded the bridge and quays watching the aircraft as it dropped its bombs. One of them was the bomb which destroyed the famous Scalzi church nearby.

The house of Shylock, not far from the Rialto bridge, is a story-telling rough stone structure. The first floor is now a butcher shop. A price-list of meat hung back of the butcher's stalls, the prices being fixed by the city. They showed the effect of war stringency in meat. Beefsteak was set down at 90 cents a kilo, and mutton at 60 and 80 cents. The cause of this, the butcher explained, was that the army used so much meat. The butcher was very suspicious while his price-list was being examined, and finally said: "Are you German?" We have to be on the look-out always for Germans.

The markets and stores in the vicinity showed war prices prevailing everywhere to the military demand, except on some vegetables and fruit. Cauliflower and pears were from 40 to 10 centimes a kilo. Eggs were 3 cents each—quite cheap. Butter was high, and beans particularly high because the supply from Galicia has been cut off by the war.

Sou at Two Cents
The working classes continue to get meat at reasonably cheap rates, and to orders given by the city authorities. Shops for the poor are selling soup at 2 cents a plate, and with bread 3 cents. A big slice of maize cake is one cent, and with baked fish 2 cents. The price of bread is kept down by municipal regulation, and the quality of the bread kept up.

King Victor Emanuel went into one of these bread shops not long ago. It was soon whispered out that this was the king, and the proprietor of the shop hastily looked up some very good bread which he spread before his majesty.

"And why this superior bread?" said the king.

"Because you are the king," said the astonished shopman.

"But in the matter of bread the king and the people are all the same," replied King Victor sternly. "You are ordered against the law which requires all bread to be of equal quality and you are ordered to pay a fine of 500 lira for the offence."

Wish Out of Reach
War signs are evident in the fish market nearby. All fishing in the Adriatic has been suspended, owing to the fear of submarines and also to prevent fishermen from having any chance to communicate with the nearby enemy. Fishing is therefore confined to the inshore and lagoons, and prices have soared—about 30 cents a kilo for the fine grades of fish down to as little as 10 cents a kilo for poor grades and minnows, which are boiled in bulk. The city has even made provision for the school children to get hot meals during war times, and shops are provided selling hot potatoes and hot chestnuts.

Although Venice in its war-dress shows the plain effect of the strain it is under in being the center of the war zone, but the people are not suffering, supplies are adequate though at considerably advanced prices, and the spirit of the people shines in the enthusiasm of the soldiers for pressing the war until victory is secured.

BARACA BOYS BUSY

Hickory residents found on their front porches last night circular letters telling them of the work of the young Men's Baraca Class of the Methodist Sunday school is doing and inviting them to participate in making the holiday season one of cheer for the less fortunate. Tonight collections will be made, and the greens and other supplies will be distributed as needed.

Uncle Joe Cannon defers to the will of the majority, but admires some majorities more than others.—Washington Star.

PERSONALS

Messrs. Bailey Patrick and Henry Menzies are home from Davidson for the holidays.

The Record was glad to have a pleasant letter from Mr. Harvey Baker of West Palm Beach, Florida, enclosing his subscription for three months. He was among the half dozen new Record readers added today.

Mr. Mark Squires of Lenoir was a business visitor to Hickory today.

The condition of Mr. D. E. Hahn was somewhat better today.

Judge W. B. Council was a business trip to Salisbury today.

Mr. "Slats" Ledbetter of Rutherford College was in the city today.

Mr. Will Clinard of Marion passed through the city today en route to Happy Valley to spend Christmas.

Mr. Jack Edwards, employed in a job office at Lowell, has returned to Hickory to spend the holidays.

Efficiency and Bearing
Greensboro Record.

Any seasoned military or naval officer will declare there is a close connection between a man's personal bearing and manner and his efficiency. Under the requirements of the service, every officer has to keep himself carefully shaved and immaculately dressed. Recently one officer in speaking of these demands stated that it is the carefully groomed man in the service who can be depended upon most often to do his full duty in the best way.

The police of some cities is under a civil service rule; and in most of the large population centers, these municipal officers are made to be careful of the little things as are their fellows of the military branch of the federal government. The result is discipline and efficiency and so clearly are results of this character defined when any city's police grows lax in personal neatness or the observance of the etiquette of the man in the official dress, that every police chief ought to be made to see to it that the fine points are cared for.

In a certain military camp in North Carolina an orderly slouched into the militia corps commander's tent with a cigar, flung it down, and stroled out with a cigarette between his lips. At least he started out, but was halted by a regular army officer who happened to be inside. In a few seconds the orderly repeated his offering of mail, but it was with cigarette thrown away, heel together and hand at salute. Who doubts the value of the lesson and the belief that the service of the mail orderly was better in the future?

A policeman ought not to be allowed to approach his chief with "Say there," as his salutation, while his cap crowns one side of his head, only, his cheek shows through a thick stubble, the blue of his coat glows faintly through dust and between grease spots, the color of his shoes can be disputed, and one of his unwashed hands seek an elusive spot on some remote portion of his anatomy. Neither a man stand in a man stand in this matter before a court to offer his testimony. A little military discipline in any police force would add to its dignity and effectiveness. For continuance of the favor of the Chesterian Chief Isley, however, we will state this assertion is not intended merely for local use.

SAMUEL CHRISFY WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE JAIL

Winston-Salem, Dec. 23.—While his lawyer has been before the state supreme court in an effort to obtain a new trial for him, it seems that Sam Chrisfy, under sentence of death with Mrs. Ida Ball Varren for the murder of her husband J. G. Warren, has not been inactive himself and but for the vigilance of Jailer Blackburn yesterday afternoon might have gained his freedom.

Christy and about a dozen other prisoners in the county jail were unusually cheerful, singing continually in spite of the fact that some were not in cells cared little for their music.

The jailer, though not unduly suspicious, noticed that the prisoners took turns in spending a certain amount of time in one particular cell while the others remained in the corridor where they are allowed each afternoon for exercise. An investigation revealed a bar in the cell that had been cut in two and could be lifted from its place with ease, leaving an opening large enough for a man to get through. A search of the prisoners resulted in the finding of two small saws on the person of one of them.

WILL RESIDE HERE

Mr. S. C. Cornwell, who resigned Tuesday night as city manager, will continue to make Hickory his home, his many friends will be glad to learn. He will devote all of his time to the profession of civil engineering after February 1, and Hickory will be a convenient point of location. There is a good deal of speculation as to what he will do in the future, but he will say they will be in no hurry to fill the place.

Mr. F. H. May, editor of the Lenoir News, passed through the city today en route to Wendell to spend tomorrow and Saturday.

Don't count yourself a poor marksman just because you don't happen to hit the mark every time.

SOCIETY

Mrs. J. P. Jones left today for Birmingham to spend the holidays with her son, Mr. W. H. Jones.

Mrs. Smith in Montgomery.
Accompanying a photograph of Miss Margaret Rose Smith of Middletown, N. Y., who has visited the family of Mr. J. A. Martin in Hickory and who is very popular here, is the following in the Montgomery, Ala., Journal: "One of the loveliest visitors of the holiday season is Miss Margaret Rose Smith of Middletown, N. Y., who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rowell Holt. In addition to personal beauty, Miss Smith possesses a sweet charm of manner which has won for her scores of friends."

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT REFORMED CHURCH

The first Christmas service at the Reformed church will be held at six o'clock Christmas morning. To hold a service at this hour has been the custom of this congregation for 27 years, and no service is more enjoyed. An unusually attractive program is provided for this year. Sunday morning the pastor will preach upon the subject "The genealogy of Christ" and at night the Sunday school will have charge of the service in a very attractive program rendered by the children. The offerings Christmas morning will be for local charity. The members bring their donations for the poor to the church Christmas morning and these are distributed during the day. The following is the program for Christmas morning:

8 x O'Clock, A. M., Christmas.
For unto us a Child is born, Isaiah 9:6. Order of service:

Part One.
Grand organ prelude, Mrs. George E. Bisanar; anthem, "Song of the Magi" (processional), Miles, choir; invocation, pastor; hymn 702, "Holy Night," Gruber; congregation; first scripture lesson, "The Annunciation," Luke 1:26-38, pastor; hymn 75, "Gail to the Brightness," Wesley, congregation; solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Mrs. Doctor Shuford; anthem, "But Thou, Bethlehem," Wilson, choir.

Part Two.
Second scripture lesson, "The Birth," Matthew 1:18-25, pastor; anthem, "Through the Still Air," Allen, choir; hymn 61, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn, congregation; maie quartet, "The Bethlehem Babe," Wilson, Messrs. Warlick and Sigmon; saxophone duet, (a), "The Lullaby," (b) "Sweet and Low," Messrs. Sigmon and Shuford; mixed quartet, "The Holy Night," Mueier, Messames Marpny and Aernethy, Messrs. Sigmon and Warlick; address, pastor; oratory, Mrs. Bisanar; anthem, "The First Christmas Morn," Newton, choir; hymn 108, "Nine Shepherds watched their flocks," brass quartet, congregation; benediction, pastor; postlude.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
Order of Service
Organ solo, Mrs. George Bisanar; anthem, choir; invocation, hymn 60, congregation; scripture lesson, Gloria (a) and (b), Messrs. Sigmon and Shuford; oratory, Mrs. Bisanar; hymn 108, "Nine Shepherds watched their flocks," brass quartet, congregation; benediction, pastor; postlude.

The Christmas services by the primary department of the Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock, the evening service. After the exercises the children in the primary department will receive a treat which will be named the children down stairs at the Sunday school room.

Four officers will be elected at the annual congregation meeting on Sunday 9, 10, 11 and 12 o'clock and 1.00 cents. The constitution has authorized: U. L. Gether and A. L. Thompson for elders, and A. A. Shuford, Jr., and W. A. Reid for deacons. The congregation will have the privilege of making additional nominations at the meeting.

ENEMIES OF INSURANCE

Life Companies Dread Tuberculosis, Typhoid and Alcohol.
Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Tuberculosis, typhoid fever and alcohol are considered the arch enemies of insurance companies, according to Dr. J. L. Davis of Texas. "Tuberculosis is realized by insurance companies as exceedingly dangerous, and for many years they have made careful inquiries into the lives of applicants for insurance along this line. They go so far as to ascertain whether the applicant has recently associated with tuberculosis people. They advocate among their policy holders all the modern means of preventing this disease."

As to typhoid fever, which probably they dread most on account of its sudden attack and the high death rate that is incident to this disease, they advocate not only anti-typhoid vaccination as a preventive but insist on strict sanitary living conditions for all their policy holders. They are opposed to paying premiums on men, men and fever.

It was the insurance companies that changed the alcoholic question from one altogether moral to one to include public health. So great is the influence of alcohol on the mortality rate, that insurance companies have become interested in it from a business point of view. Their statistics compiled over twenty-five years show that not only the constant drinking of man's mortality rate is much higher but that even the moderate use of alcohol has a rate equivalent to a reduction of four years in the average life.

THOSE THAT HAVE-GET BY WESTON

BESIDES HAVING PRICKLY HEAT, INFLUENZA, INSOMNIA AND LUMBAGO, IVE DISCOVERED TO DAY YOU HAVE A BAD CASE OF CHILBLAINS—I'LL CALL AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON, MRS. PAYNE.



Auction Sale

Of valuable residence in front of First National Bank, Monday, January 3, 1916, 2:30 p. m.

One 6-room house with electric lights and city water. Size of lot 87 x 412½ feet. Located at No. 1015 Seventh avenue, and known as the Lafayette Shell property.

TERMS—Cash, with the privilege of transferring 11 shares of B. & L. stock in series "A" with \$1100 borrowed from First Building & Loan Association.
C. E. KALE,
Catawba, N. C.

BIG WHISKEY SEIZURE

Guilford Officers Capture Automobile and Much Liquor.

Greensboro, Dec. 23.—Forty-five gallon jugs with liquor, both corn and rye, or rather, red and white, 15 bottles of beer, an almost new Ford touring car and two white prisoners are what Sheriff Stafford and Deputies Phipps, Weatherly, Shaw and Highfill have to show for what they accomplished in a very few minutes last night shortly before 8 o'clock. The prisoners are C. C. Idol and a man named McLeod, who reside between Friendship and Jamstown and the car was the property of Idol.

Shortly before 7 o'clock, the sheriff and his deputies set sail from the courthouse, having previously been given a tip to the effect that "something was coming off." In fact, they have received the tip several times that the road between Guilford College and the Battleground is being kept hot by dealers in the contraband stuff known as whiskey. The sheriff's car and party arrived at about the same time as the car bearing the full cargo of whiskey.

BOX FOR THOMASVILLE

The Sunday school of the First Baptist Sunday school sent a valuable box to a class of 15 boys at the Thomasville orphanage. It will be welcome. The matron also was remembered. The gifts were valued at \$45.

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If you have a house to build let the right man figure on it. I can build a house for you on a short notice at any time. I am an experienced man I think for I have built more houses than any other man in Hickory. So, let me have your plans and figure on it.

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